1. In the sonnet "Shall I Compare Tree...", the volta signals a shift from:

(A) Praise to criticism

(B) Naturalistic comparison to poetic immortalization

(C) Youth to old age

(D) Present to past

2. Which poet is known for his sequence of sonnets dedicated to a "Dark Lady"?

(A) Edmund Spenser

(B) John Donne

(C) William Wordsworth

(D) William Shakespeare

3. What does 'sluttish time' refer to in the sonnet "Not Marble, nor the Gilded Monuments"?

(A) The power of women

(B) The destructive nature of time

(C) The loyalty of time

(D) The wisdom gained over time

4. What figure of speech is used in the line 'And death shall be no more; Death, thou shalt die' in "Death, be not proud"?

(A) Paradox

(B) Synecdoche

(C) Metonymy

(D) Euphemism

5. What does John Donne suggest about the nature of human souls in "Death, be not proud"?

(A) Human souls are mortal

(B) Human souls are immortal

(C) Human souls are fragile.

(D) Human souls are temporary

6. In "The Pulley," George Herbert conveys that God withholds the gifts of rest to ensure...

(A) that humans seek him in their weariness and struggles.

(B) that humans remain reliant on divine strength.

(C) that humans seek rest in him rather than in the blessing itself.

(D) All of the above

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7. Which poetic device is used in the line "Time's winged chariot hurrying near"?

(A) Personification

(B) Simile

(C) Hyperbole

(D) Oxymoron

8. What does the "Ganges" symbolize?

(A) British colonialism

(B) Luxury and distance

(C) Simplicity

(D) A religious pilgrimage

9. What is the figure of speech in then line: "And that one Talent which is death to hide"?

(A) Simile

(B) Metaphor

(C) Pun

(D) Personification

10. Which of the following is not true about "On His Blindness"?

(A) It reveals conflict in the poet's mind

(B) It is highly subjective poem

(C) It is very learned and scholarly poem

(D) Unable to use his poetic talent, the poet thinks his life useless

11. What does the metaphor 'late spring' in the line "But my late spring no bud or blossom shew' th" represent?

(A) Late arrival of spring in England

(B) His rising career in Puritanical Interregnum.

(C) Lack of fruits on trees in late spring.

(D) Milton's intellectual development.

12. Who of the following sponsored "A Song for St. Cecilia's Day"?

(A) Poetic Society of London

(B) Musical Society of London

(C) Society organising the celebration of St. Cecilia's Day

(D) King of England

13. Which day was observed as St. Cecilia's Day when Dryden wrote composed "A Song for St. Cecilia's Day"?

(A) 22 January

(B) 22 July

(C) 22 September

(D) 22 November

14. 'Even.....was a seeker after God'. Fill in the blank in this line from Kabir's poem "It is Needless to Ask a Saint the Caste to which he belongs".

(A) Nanak

(B) Rahim

(C) Raidas

(D) Ramanand

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15. The expression, 'knowledge is free' indicates.....

(A) Free of charges

(B) Free from corruption

(C) Free from scientific scrutiny

(D) Free from superstition

16. What kind of relationship does the poet have with the tree in 'Our Casuarina Tree'?

(A) A spiritual and emotional connection

(B) A fear and respect for its power

(C) An indifferent relationship

(D) A purely aesthetic appreciation

17. Which of the following is not a collection of the poems of Sarojini Naidu?

(A) The Golden Threshold

(B) The Exact Name

(C) The Feather of the Dawn

(D) The Bird of Time

18. How does Phoebe respond to Ganymede's harsh criticism of her?

(A) She poisons his wine

(B) She disguises herself as royalty in hopes of putting him in his place

(C) She writes him a love letter

(D) She employs Charles the wrestler to beat him up.

19. Who said about the volume of Bacon's essays, "There is more wisdom compressed into that small volume than into any other book of the same size I know"?

(A) Hazlitt

(B) Tennyson

(C) Browning

(D) Arnold

20. What is not meant by knowledge in Russell's "Knowledge and Wisdom"?

(A) Think and doing

(B) Meaningful learning

(C) Information collection and retrieval

(D) Making sense of self and the world

21. The Latin phrase in "Of Studies" 'Abeunt studia in mores' means.....

(A) Studies made in abundance

(B) Studies pass into the character

(C) Studies which are understandable

(D) Selected and sensible studies

22. By 'Domestic walls' in the poem "Where the Mind is Without Fear", the poet means....

(A) Sectarian approach of the people

(B) Utilitarian approach of the people

(C) Selfish approach of the people

(D) Socio-economic approach of the people

23. What mood is evoked at the end of the poem "Our Casuarian Tree"?

(A) A sense of sorrow and finality

(B) A hopeful and eternal connection to memories

(C) A feeling of detachment from nature

(D) A longing to return to the past

24. What does the disguised Rosalind promise to do for Orlando?

(A) Woo Rosalind on his behalf

(B) Help him to kill Oliver

(C) Help him to overcome his lovesickness

(D) Provide him and Adam with shelter

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25. Fill in the blanks in their proper sequence: ".....men condemn studies,.....men admire them, and.....men use them"

(A) Simple, crafty, wise

(B) Crafty, simple, wise

(C) Simple, wise, crafty

(D) Wise, simple, crafty

26. .....is knowledge of classification, principles, models or structures pertinent to a particular disciplinary area.

(A) Procedural knowledge

(B) Metacognitive knowledge

(C) Conceptual knowledge

(D) Factual knowledge

27. Shakespeare derived the name of heroine 'Celia' from.....

(A) Lodge's *Rosalind*

(B) Spencer's *Faerie Queen*

(C) Chaucer' *Canterbury Tales*

(D) Ben Jonson's *Volpone*

28. According to Leigh Hunt, why should one get up on cold mornings?

(A) To avoid getting sick

(B) To enjoy a hearty breakfast

(C) To appreciate the warmth and comfort of bed

(D) To savour the beauty of nature

29. The following doctrine of Gandhi aimed at transforming capitalist order of society into an equalitarian one-

(A) Trusteeship

(B) Swaraj

(C) Civil disobedience

(D) Satyagraha

30. What price did the narrator get by selling the paining in "Third Thought"?

(A) 40 Pounds

(B) 50 Pounds

(C) 75 Pounds

(D) 100 Pounds

31. Who of the following awarded Sarojini Naidu the title "Bharat Kokila" (The Nightingale of India) for her melodic rhythmic poems?

(A) Mahatma Gandhi

(B) Jawahar Lal Nehru

(C) Rabindranath Tagore

(D) C. Rajgopalachari

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32. What does the narrator finally decide about sharing his profit in "Third Thought"?

(A) He decides to share half his profit.

(B) He decides to share all his profit

(C) He decides not to share his profit

(D) He decides to give the paining back to the dealer.

33. According to H. Belloc's "On Educational Reform", which of the following is a type of fraud?

(A) Swindling

(B) Abuse of confidence

(C) Uneconomic falsehood

(D) All of the above

34. In "On Educational Reform," Belloc advocates for a return to.....

(A) classical approach to education.

(B) a more traditional and holistic approach to education.

(C) Incorporation of technology in education.

(D) a moralistic approach to education.

35. In "A Cup of Tea", Rosemary Fell was shopping in.....

(A) Bond Street

(B) Curzon Street

(C) Regent Street

(D) London Street

36. Who in the story "Living or Dead" is her own ghost?

(A) Jogmaya

(B) Sripati

(C) Kadambini

(D) Shardhashaker's wife

37. What is the full name of H. H. Munro?

(A) Haumas Hector Munro

(B) Hughie Hector Munro

(C) Hilaire Hector Munro

(D) Hector Hugh Munro

38. Who warned Mr. Framton Nuttel about going to the rural retreat for nerves cure in the story "The Open window"?

(A) The niece of Mrs. Sappleton

(B) Mrs. Sappleton

(C) Mr. Nuttel's sister

(D) Mrs. Sappleton husband

39. Narayan was awarded 'Sahitya Academy Award' in 1960 for.....

(A) The Guide

(B) Swami and Friends

(C) The Bachelor of Arts

(D) The Financial Expert

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40. In "An Astrologer's Day" eyes of the astrologer sparkled with a sharp, abnormal gleam because...

(A) he used eyeliner

(B) of a continual searching look for customers

(C) street-light fell on his eyes

(D) none of the above

41. In "A Cup of Tea", Rosemary gave the beggar girl a cash gift of.....

(A) three pounds

(B) five pounds

(C) three dollars

(D) twenty eight pounds

42. In "An Astrologer's Day", whatever the astrologer said.....

(A) pleased and astonished everyone

(B) annoyed his customers

(C) attracted the passer by

(D) failed to convince anybody

43. The story "Old Man at the Bridge" is set against the background of.....

(A) Russian Revolution

(B) the Spanish Civil War in 1938.

(C) World War I

(D) World War II

44. How old is the old man in the story "Old Man at the Bridge"?

(A) 65 years

(B) 70 years

(C) 74 years

(D) 76 years

45. What is old Major's message to the animals in *Animal Farm?*

(A) Life will be the same no matter who is the in-charge.

(B) Their future depends upon the construction of the wind mill.

(C) Animals are enslaved and should rebel.

(D) Paradise is a place called Sugarcandy Mountain.

46. What do the animals do every Sunday morning?

(A) Gather in songs and prayers led by Moses

(B) Raise a flag and hold meeting to vote on resolutions.

(C) Walk proudly though towns taunting the humans.

(D) Clean the barn

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47. Which year was "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard" first published?

(A) 1742

(B) 1751

(C) 1768

(D) 1776

48. Which king is mentioned in "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard"?

(A) King George II

(B) King James I

(C) King Henry VIII

(D) King Charles I

49. What does the poet wonder about the tiger's creator in the second stanza?

(A) The strength of the creator's hand to handle that fire

(B) The method used to twist the tiger's sinews

(C) The place where the fire for tiger's eyes was created

(D) All the above

50. Who are the Gods mentioned in "The World is Too Much with Us"?

(A) Zeus and Athena

(B) Proteus and Triton

(C) Aphrodite and Hestia

(D) Athena and Eros

51. What do the pigs paint on the side of the barn in *Animal Farm?*

(A) The seven principles of animalism

(B) The portrait of Snowball

(C) The words "Animal Farm"

(D) The portrait of old Major

52. What is the significance of the "ivy-mantled tower" in "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard"?

(A) Symbol of death

(B) Symbol of life

(C) Symbol of decay

(D) Symbol of power

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53. Which background or upbringing does the poet wish to have toward the end of "The World is Too Much with Us"?

(A) a Pagan

(B) a Catholic

(C) a Greek

(D) an Anglican

54. Major theme of "The Solitary Reaper" is.....

(A) The danger of solitude

(B) Poverty in agrarian economy

(C) The power of art and music

(D) Importance of language

55. Why did they hang the dead bird around the Mariner's neck?

(A) to remind him of the sin

(B) to reward him

(C) to seek revenge for the bird

(D) all of these

56. Identify the figure of speech used in "All in a hot and copper sky, The bloody sun, at noon"

(A) Onomatopoia

(B) Metaphor

(C) Alliteration

(D) Antithesis

57. In the Poem "There is Pleasure in the Pathless Woods", Lord Byron.....

(A) Priorities human companionship above nature's company

(B) Elevates nature's solitude above human companionship

(C) Shows indifference to nature

(D) Shows indifference and neglects human company

58. Who said about Shelley: "A beautiful and ineffectual angel beating in the void his luminous wings in vain"?

(A) Wordsworth

(B) Coleridge

(C) Arnold

(D) Eliot

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59. What is the figure of speech in the line: "Loose clouds like earth's decaying leaves are shed"

(A) Simile

(B) Alliteration

(C) Personification

(D) Both (A) & (B)

60. Which of the following best describes the tone of the poem?

(A) Reflective and celebratory

(B) Melancholic and despairing

(C) Joyful and energetic

(D) Angry and critical

61. What literary device is used in the line "Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun?"

(A) Metaphor

(B) Simile

(C) Personification

(D) Alliteration

62. Ezekiel's poem "Enterprise" was published in the collection called.....

(A) The Unfinished Man

(B) Time to Change

(C) The Exact Name

(D) Latter-Day Psalms

63. For how long had it been raining when the scorpion came in:

(A) Ten hours

(B) Twenty hours

(C) Eleven hours

(D) Twelve hours

64. What does the phrase "a blend eyes of windows" symbolize in "My Grandmother's House"?

(A) The poet's inability to see clearly

(B) The lifeless and abandoned state of the house

(C) The house's architectural design

(D) The poet's fear of darkness

65. In which collection of poems was Ramanujan's "Obituary" published?

(A) The Collected Poems

(B) The Striders

(C) Second Sight

(D) Relations

66. The West Wind in the poem is called.....

(A) Preserver and Destroyer

(B) Creator and Maker

(C) Breaker and Creator

(D) Destroyer and Breaker

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67. In A doll's House, Krogstad tried to blackmail Nora because she.....

(A) had a secret love affair

(B) was very flirtatious

(C) had forged her father's signature

(D) had borrowed money to help her friend

68. What does Nora expect Torvald to do when he learns about the forgery?

(A) Divorce her

(B) Take the blame himself

(C) Report her to the police

(D) Act as if nothing happened

69. In Tagore's play *The Post Office is a.....*

(A) Farce

(B) Symbolic play

(C) History play

(D) Tragedy

70. In Tagore's play the Post Office, Dairyman's village is situated at the foot of...

(A) Golfar

(B) Shamli Hills

(C) Panch-mura Hills

(D) Panchmatha Hills

71. According to Radhakrishnan's "The Gandhian Outlook", Gandhi believed in.....

(A) Narrow nationalism

(B) Jingoism

(C) Vasudaiyakutumbkam

(D) Racial discrimination

72. A good writer, according to the youngish critic in "Making Writing Simple" was one who.....

(A) Wrote simple language

(B) Pleased and entertained his readers

(C) Made his readers toil and sweat

(D) Supported his writing with examples

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73. In which year did Virginia Woolf write the essay "How Should One Read a Book"?

(A) 1916

(B) 1920

(C) 1924

(D) 1926

74. Which of the following is not a question to which the king in "Three Questions" wants to know the answer?

(A) What was the right time for every action?

(B) What is the best form of governance?

(C) Who were the right people to be with?

(D) What was the most important thing to do?

75. In Buck's "The Refugees", when the refugees came in the form of large crowds in the new capital, the city-dwellers.....

(A) Treated them as aliens

(B) Sneered at them and saw in them a threat to their own comforts and needs.

(C) Disliked their presence and became indifferent to their suffering.

(D) All of the above

76. In Walker's story "Am I Blue?", 'Blue' can symbolize

(A) Happiness and radiance

(B) Sadness and loneliness

(C) Freedom and companionship

(D) All of these

77. Chaman Nahal's Azadi was published in the year...

(A) 1975

(B) 1976

(C) 1977

(D) 1978

78. Who told Lala Kanshi Ram that his daughter Madhu Bala was killed?

(A) Lala Dinanath

(B) Mrs. Bhan

(C) Dr. Chander Bhan

(D) Arun

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79. In *Lord of the Flies*, what happens to the boy with mulberry birthmark when a whole patch of trees catches fire?

(A) He declares himself chief.

(B) He disappears and likely has died

(C) He gets burnt putting out the fire

(D) His dead body is recovered by older boys.

80. In *Lord of the Flies*, what does Jack think is more important than shelters and fire?

(A) Telling stories

(B) Meet

(C) Fishing

(D) Meetings

81. The speaker in "Ulysses" has delighted in the battles fought.....

(A) On the Sea

(B) In the cities of men

(C) In the hills

(D) On the plains of Troy

82. The sculptor mentioned in the poem *My Last Duchess is:*

(A) Neptune

(B) Claus of Innsbruck

(C) Fra Pandolf

(D) Leonardo da Vinci

83. What motivates Ulysses to leave Ithaca and sail again?

(A) The pursuit of wealth and power

(B) A desire to escape his responsibilities

(C) A yearning for new experiences and knowledge

(D) Revenge against his enemies

84. What is the significance of the Duke's gesture of pointing to the portrait of the duchess in "My Last Duchess"?

(A) It emphasizes his love for his wife.

(B) It reveals his admiration to the painter who created the portait.

(C) I symbolizes his control over the Duchess even in her death.

(D) It highlights the Duke's artistic and cultural interests.

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85. What is the primary theme of "Dover Beach"?

(A) Decline of faith

(B) Love and war

(C) Beauty of nature

(D) Power of science

86. Which famous Greek Playwright does Arnold refer to in "Dover Beach"?

(A) Euripides

(B) Aeschylus

(C) Aristophanes

(D) Sophocles

87. Gerard Manley Hopkins was a poet belonging to which literary movement?

(A) Romanticism

(B) Victorianism

(C) Modernism

(D) Postmodernism

88. Where is the poem "A Prayer for my Daughter" set?

(A) An Irish Woodland

(B) A battle field during W. W. I

(C) The Tower of London

(D) Doublin in 1916

89. Which of the following poetic techniques is most evident in *Preludes*?

(A) Allegory

(B) Satire

(C) Imagism

(D) Dramatic monologue

90. R. Parthsarthy's poem "Homecoming" portrays a picture of his native state.....

(A) Andhra Pradesh

(B) Tamil Nadu

(C) Karnataka

(D) Kerala

91. What is the significance of the phrase 'the sun not slowly over the horizon' in the poem "Hiroshima"?

(A) It symbolizes the natural beauty of the sun rise.

(B) It represents the rapid and destructive nature of the atom bomb.

(C) It signifies the hope and resilience of the people of Hiroshima.

(D) It reflects the brutality of human beings.

92. Muhammad made Ain-ul-Mulk the governor of.....

(A) Delhi

(B) Deccan

(C) Kanauj

(D) Avadh

93. What does Yank notice when he spends the night in the battery?

(A) The trees

(B) The grass

(C) Bums

(D) The Sunrise

94. What is the main theme of *The Guide*?

(A) Love and betrayal

(B) Spiritual transformation and redemption

(C) Social injustice

(D) Family conflict

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95. What does Mrs. Reed tell Jane, when Jane returns to visit the woman on her deathbed?

(A) That she wishes Jane would have died of typhus during the epidemic at Lowood.

(B) That she has never given her the inheritance Jane is owed.

(C) That she is sorry for her years of ill-treatment.

(D) That she was secretly her favourite child.

96. The line "The burnt-out ends of smoky days" is an example of which literary device?

(A) Metaphor

(B) Simile

(C) Hyperbole

(D) Alliteration

97. Premchand's story "The Shroud" is set in a village in.....

(A) Uttar Pradesh

(B) Bihar

(C) West Bengal

(D) Orissa

98. Ismat Chugtai's "Roots" aims at.....

(A) Depiction of the resilience of love and mutual respect among persons.

(B) Depiction of people's greed and indulgence in violence.

(C) Depiction of horrors of partition

(D) Communal distrust and disharmony

99. V.M. Basheer's story "Birthday" was originally written in.....

(A) Urdu

(B) English

(C) Malayalam

(D) Telugu

100. From whose point of view is Deshpande's story "My Beloved Charioteers" narrated?

(A) Ajji

(B) Aarthi

(C) Preethi

(D) The author

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